



THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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Love God, Love Neighbor, Change the World

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ON BEING THE CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Last week I received a letter from a Sunday morning TV viewer who mused about the sweeping changes taking place in the church today. After expressing concern about some of the pronouncements that are being espoused by various Christian groups, the viewer wrote: "I appreciate you and the PH staff and congregation for facing those head-on and yet seemingly striking a balance between the old and the new, the liberal and the conservative theologically."

"Doing church" is a challenging task today. The church of my childhood (late 1950's-60's) was relatively simple. Offer a Sunday morning worship service, an occasional potluck supper, Sunday evening youth group and an annual Vacation Bible School, and the church was content. Because we lived in a "church culture" during the later part of the 20th century, little else was required. It's much more complex today. In 2016, people are pulled in a million different directions by a million different gods, so it's important to share the good news of the one true God—the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Jesus Christ—in an authentic and meaningful way.

Thom Rainer, president and CEO of LifeWay Christian Resources, states that the most common factor in declining churches today is an inward focus. Everything is done for the benefit of those inside the church. There seems to be no awareness or heart for those outside the walls of the institution.

On the other hand, dynamic growing churches are outward focused. These churches have a passion for sharing Christ with the world through word and deed. This, of course, is a major reason for PHUMC's continued upward trajectory. We have a passion for loving God and loving neighbor that leads us to change the world that God so loved...

Pray that we might continue to move beyond our walls. Pray that, through our myriad missions and ministries, we will continue to facilitate transformation as we love and respond to others in the name of Christ. Pray that our God-sized dreams for our new St. Luke campus will become a God-sized reality!

Britt Skarda
Senior Pastor



Worship Services | Sermon Series: World Class Christians

Team Spirit | 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

Friday, August 26, 6:00 pm - Sanctuary | Rev. Britt Skarda

Sunday, August 28, 9:00 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary | Rev. Britt Skarda

(Broadcast Sunday on KATV Channel 7 at 10:30 am)

Sunday, August 28, 9:00 & 11:00 am - New Heights | Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder

Sunday, August 28, 9:30 am - St. Luke Campus | Rev. Jeremy Pressgrove



PHUMC MUSIC/ARTS MINISTRY
WESLEY KIDS OPEN HOUSE | AUGUST 28
9 AM - 12 NOON | RM. M119

Wesley Kids is a children's choir open to grades K-5 and participates in worship services throughout the year. Questions? Contact Jim Maase at 978-0520 or Cindy Burns at 978-0511.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



This Sunday!
12 - 2 pm
Room C235

NEW RECYCLE BINS

PHUMC supports recycling and we have new recycling receptacles! Throughout the buildings you will see the oak recycle bins. Please use to recycle paper, plastic, and aluminum cans.



THERAPY DOG TRAINING

Would you like to get your dog certified as a therapy dog? Join us each Tuesday from Sept. 27 - Nov. 8 at 6 pm in the Great Hall for these preparation sessions. Therapy dogs visit in facilities and can also help in Mission projects. Contact Gayle Fiser at 766-3810 or gaylefiser@att.net for more information. Sign up by Connect Card.



Quapaw Quarter United Methodist Church
28th Anniversary Interfaith Revival Celebration

Expecting a Miracle

Join us for an Interfaith Celebration that brings us into fellowship with the Jewish, spiritual but not religious, and traditional Christian communities!

August 30 - September 1, 2016 @ 7pm

Rev. Carissa Rodgers, Senior Pastor
 Quapaw Quarter United Methodist Church
 1601 Louisiana Street
 Little Rock, AR 72206
 (501) 375-3600 (Office)

Tuesday, August 30th
 Rabbi Barry Block, Temple B'nai Israel

Wednesday, August 31st
 April Mills, Local Artist

Thursday, September 1st
 Rev. Britt Skarda, Palau Heights UMC

Please join Rev. Skarda in representing PHUMC Thur., Sept. 1, at 7pm!

CPR /AED Training at PHUMC

September 8, 11, 15, and 18
1-4 pm, Rm. C236

Classes are limited so sign up early! Cost will be \$65 which includes the required workbook and certification card. Register at phumc.com/cpr or by Connect Card during worship.

Many dates are available through the end of 2016 to place flowers in the Columbarium Garden in memory or honor of a loved one. Flowers are available at a cost of \$35. Please call Jennifer Shannon at 978-0533 to make arrangements.



SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE CLASSES
FALL TERM
SEPTEMBER 11 - OCTOBER 16
5:30 - 6:45 PM

A multi-generational experience for adults, youth, and children for 9-weeks.

CHRISTIAN MUSLIM DIALOGUE, RM. C236
 Led by Rev. Susan Sims Smith and Sophia Said

CONSCIOUS PARENTING, RM. C237
 Led by Kate Runder

JESUS FOR PRESIDENT, RM. PARLOR
 Led by Bryan Day and Buddy Villines

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY, RM. C135
5:30 - 7:00 pm, September 11-November 13
 Led by Charlie Case

Classes will be available for children and youth. Childcare available.

WEEKLY SPIRITUAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

ENNEAGRAM, RM. PARLOR
 Wednesdays, September 14 - December 7
 10 am - Noon (12 weeks)

ENNEAGRAM FOR MEN, RM. PARLOR
 Wednesdays, September 14 - December 7
 6 - 8 pm (12 weeks)

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY, RM. C135
 Wednesdays, September 14 - December 7
 6:00 - 7:30 pm (9 weeks)

Register for classes by Connect Card or go to phumc.com/spiritualformation



TOUGH WEEK? WANT TO BEGIN YOUR WEEKEND WELL? JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY EVERY FRIDAY AT 6 PM. PERFECT FOR PEOPLE WITH BUSY LIVES AND HECTIC WEEKENDS. THIS WEEKLY SERVICE INCLUDES A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND HOLY COMMUNION. CHILDCARE PROVIDED.

PHUMC MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

The following gifts were received for Adventures in the Arts, TV ministry, Stephen ministry, youth ministry, food pantry and the glory of God.

Honoraria

Molly, Alexis & Samantha Brown by Mary Ruth Price Brown

Mary Lewis & Sid Dassinger by June & S. R. Evans, Jr.

Katye Dunn's ordination by Susan & John Antonetti, Laura & Mark Spradley

Tim Fox by Bible Study Class

Rev. Betsy Snyder by L.L. Delony

Memorials

Frances Cantwell by Crata Castleberry

Sharon Ellis by Carolyn & Charles Ellis, Jan & Jim Ellis, Steen Love, Nancy Milbourn, Mary Ruth Price Brown, Lavern & Ray Schaap, Wanda Shumaker, Dan Steen, Jim Steen, Tracey & Tim Rosenau, Dawna Uselton

Jim Fowler by Fathomers Class

Anne Strawn Sorrells by Mary Kay & Jim East

Michael Straughan by Patricia & David Blick, Cromwell Architects Engineers Inc., Susan & Robert Dunn, Tori & Dumas Garrett, Janice & Bill Jackson, Lynn & Sue Roller Jenkins, Shelly & Kim Light, Amy & John Lloyd, Nancy Milbourn, Susan Robbins, Diana & Dave Walters

Martha Strohm by Mary Lou Billingsley

Bill Swaim by Sara Harrison

Stanley Yates by Melba D. Yates

PHUMC FOUNDATION

The following gifts were received for the glory of God, the *Lou & Cathy Sanders Music Endowment*, the *Mary Jane See Adamson TV Ministry Endowment*, the *Martin Youth Endowment*, the *Hicks Peace Endowment* and the *Swann Kohler Endowment*.

Birthday Club

Quin Clark

Mary Harmon Dickinson

Billie Rutherford

Honoraria

Katye Dunn on her ordination by Joann & Garth Martin

Elaine & Ken Hicks on their 70th anniversary by Joann & Garth Martin, Billie & Skip Rutherford

Memorials

Jane Adamson by Jan & Sandy Scruggs

Frances Cantwell by Dorothy Aldridge, Kathleen & Ray Hightower, Ernestine Martin, Joann & Garth Martin, Dee & John Ostner, Kevin Raney, Billie & Skip Rutherford, Emily Ann Smith, Carolyn & Jim Spradley, Shelley & Donald Wold, Dorothy & Paul Young

David Daugherty by Celeste & Don Daugherty

Marie Erwin by Eve & Larry Yancey

Jerry Floyd by Joan Powell McCaskill

Swann Kohler by Dorothy Aldridge, Betsy Branton, Michael McWilliams, Ann & Pat Morrison, Dr. Jim Morse, Barbara & Louis Mulkey, Freddie & Vic Nixon, Juanita Olmstead, Vicki & Guy Olmstead, Jim, Phyllis, Sarah & Marilyn Pearce, Suzanne Ritchie, Ronald Roberts, Roselyn & Jack Stanley, Jan & Charles Sullivan

Elsie Minton by Jan & Charles Sullivan

Cathy Sanders by Jan & David Adcock, Pat Lucy, Mary Ruth Price Brown

PHUMC MISSIONS: CHANGING THE WORLD

LOUISIANA FLOODING RELIEF. More than 20,000 people have been displaced from homes along with damage to churches due to flooding. Please support relief efforts with a gift to the United Methodist Committee on Relief at umcor.org or make checks payable to PHUMC and earmark Louisiana flooding/UMCOR.



This Arkansas Conference summit will include training and informational sessions designed to address childhood hunger in Arkansas. Cost: \$15. Volunteers are needed throughout the day for various activities and shifts. For details go to phumc.com/paysinger or sign up to volunteer by Connect Card.



Cancer Friends Support Group Wednesday, September 14, 5 pm, Rm. C236

Meet for a complimentary supper, fellowship, and signing cards of encouragement. Please email Shirley Vanderslice at 442-7173 for more information. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

First Friday Sabbath Supper in the Gathering Hall Friday, September 9, 7 pm

A donation of \$5 is suggested.
All are welcome!
Go to phumc.com/firstfridaysupper for reservations.

PRIMETIMERS ON THE GO TO BRANSON, MISSOURI WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

The cost of the trip is \$100 per person, double occupancy and \$145, single occupancy. This price includes show tickets (excellent seating), box lunch en route to Branson, and overnight accommodations. **Deadline: Friday, September 15.** Sign up at the Welcome Center.

PHUMC BOOK CLUB

Every Friday, 7-8 am, Rm. C239

Current Read: *The Physical Nature of Christian Life: Neuroscience, Psychology, & the Church* by Brown and Strawn. (ends 9/2)

October 2: Marylyne Robinson's, *The Givenness of Things: Essays.*

All are welcome. Ends in time to get to the office or wherever.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to drive the church van on Sunday mornings. Please call Sara Harrison at 310-8105.

NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS BEGIN TRAINING

Sunday, September 11, 12 - 2 pm
and
Tuesday, September 13, 5 - 7 pm

To receive an application and schedule an interview contact Carole Provin, carole.provin@yahoo.com, Rev. Jeff Hampton, jhampton@phumc.com or call 978-0532. Training is six weeks.

www.stephenministries.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

DEATHS: Our Christian sympathy is extended to Bill Holmes and family in the death of his father, Joe Holmes; to Matt Van Parys and family in the death of his grandfather, Paul Van Parys; to Helen-Ann Hill and family in the death of her brother-in-law, Kip Pabst; and to Roberts Powers and family in the death of his father, Buck Powers.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH OF George Hiram Day, child of Barbara and Greg Day and grandchild of Helen-Ann Hill.

Who Cares? We Do!

In-Touch Ministry

Report Joys/Concerns

Hospitalizations, Surgeries, Deaths, Births, Prayer Requests, Etc.

Call church office: 501.664.3600

Text: 501.529.0323

Email: phumc@phumc.com

Connect Card: Complete in worship

Emergency Pager: 501.688.9533

The Foundations Sunday School Class will do a 6-week study on C.S. Lewis' book *Mere Christianity* beginning September 18.

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Baptism Orientation (Sanctuary) 10:10 - 10:50 am (1st Sun.)
PHkids Open Gym *(Great Hall) 12:30 - 2:30 pm

MONDAY

PHkids Open Gym *(Great Hall) 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Midday Prayer (Chapel) 11:00 - 12:00 pm

TUESDAY

Helping Hands (Wesley Hall) 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Zumba Gold (Great Hall) 2:00 - 2:45 pm
PHkids Open Gym *(Great Hall) 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Yoga (Rm. C236) 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Memory Loss Caregivers (C135)
5:30 - 6:30 pm (2nd Tues.)
1:00 - 2:00 pm (3rd Tues.)

WEDNESDAY

Cancer Friends Support Group (C236) 5:00 pm (2nd Wed.)
AI Anon (C237) 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Men's Basketball Open Gym (Great Hall) 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M110) 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

THURSDAY

Labyrinth (Wesley Hall) 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Zumba Gold (Great Hall) 2:00 - 2:45 pm
Men's AI Anon (C237) 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Primetimers Luncheon (Parlor)
11:30 am - 1:00 pm (4th Thurs.)

FRIDAY

PHUMC Book Club (C239) 7:00 - 8:00 am
PHkids Open Gym *(Great Hall) 3:00 - 6:00 pm
Parents' Night Out (Children's Building)
6:00 - 9:00 pm (4th Fri.)

The Chapel is available Mon. - Fri., 8:30 am - 4:30 pm for personal prayer time.

*PHkids Open Gym is subject to change if other activities are scheduled.

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Church Office Hours:
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

The church is also available seven days a week, beyond regular office hours, for special events or meetings. Call 664-3600 for more information.

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Watch us on YouTube!!
[youtube.com/pulaskiheightsumc](https://www.youtube.com/pulaskiheightsumc)



Please email Tower announcements 2 weeks prior to an event to pr@phumc.com

Sunday School - Get Connected! 10:10 am

All Things Considered, M314 (all ages)

Argue (Named for Dr. James Argue), (reconciling) M318 (ages 45+) "Revival," Mark Wilson

Beatitudes, M316 (ages 30-45+)

Bible Study, C239 (all ages) "Genesis," Tim Fox

Christian Fellowship, M304 (ages 60+) "Love Fulfills the Law," Cecil Malone

Coffee Talk, M313 (women all ages)

Deeper Connections, D371 (20s-30s)

Dietz Dialogue, C135 (ages 70+) "Disappointment with God," Kearney Dietz

Fathomers, C235 (ages 55+) "God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It," Nancy Milbourn

Foundations, C236 (couples ages 20s-40s) "Parables from the Backside"

Journey, D366 (ages 20s-40s)

Koinonia, M307 (ages 50+) "Do Not Live Afraid"

Newton Good News, M101 (ages 50+) "Disappointment with God," Kearney Dietz

Pairs and Spares, D277 East (young couples/young singles)

Roundtable, M312 (ages 50+) "Love Fulfills the Law," Christian Harris

Tower, C237 (ages 40+)

Wesley, (reconciling) M320 All are welcome. Please come share your views.

Young Adults, M311 (ages 20-35)

(All youth meet at 10 am in the phyouth Assembly Area for fellowship before class)

Agape Class, D385 Youth with Special Needs, Carol Blann

12 Grade, D368 Youth Bible Study, Leslie & Tim Taylor

9-11 Grades, D379 Youth Bible Study

7-8 Grades, D377 Youth Bible Study

Confirmation, 6th Grade, phyouth Assembly Area, Rev. Jay Clark

Early Christian Awareness (ECA) Infants/Toddlers, Norma Story Bldg.

August Lessons: Jungle Animals - Monkey, Elephant, Giraffe

Preschool Lions (age 2-3), **Tigers** (age 3-4), **Bears** (age 4-5) "Self-control"

K-4th Grade, Rotation Sunday School

5th Grade, Bible Study

Malone Phone Class: Sundays at 3 pm by phone at home

M=Main Building

C=Christian Life Center (Argue Great Hall/gym/Fellowship Central)

D=Disciple Center (Wesley Hall, Youth)

S=Norma Story Children's Building

Fellowship Stations for Coffee & Refreshments

Sundays from 8 - 11 am

Gathering Hall & New Heights Lobby